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SUBJECT: IEA/SOM: REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR CRUDE OIL COSTS

REF.: (A) ROME 18301; (B) STATE 290217

DEPARTMENT FOR EB/ORF/FSE - D. WILSON

DEPARTMENT PASS FEA/IEA - D. OLIVER

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL (B), MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY EXPERT

ROSSONI HAS REPLIED TO REQUEST FOR GOI POSITION ON CONFIDENTIALITY  
OF CRUDE OIL COST DATA. BEGIN TEXT (EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION;  
UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

/USA DOCUMENT - IEA/SOM (75)52/  
ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT SYSTEM PROPOSED BY USDEL  
IS SUBSTANTIALLY VALID FOR PURPOSE OF ASSURING SECURITY OF CRUDE  
COST DATA. HOWEVER, AS SYSTEM ALLOWS ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN  
DATA, ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO FORESEE ANY  
POSSIBLE MEASURES TO REDUCE SUCH ELIMINATION TO AN INDI-  
SPENSABLE MINIMUM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS  
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OR COMBINATIONS ARE PROPOSED:

(A) /ELIMINATION OF POINT 4.F (IEA/SOM (75)52, PAGE 4./  
BEFORE PROCESSING THE DATA, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THAT  
ALL THE COUNTRIES HAVE REPLIED, OR ELSE THAT ALL COURIERS OF ALL  
COUNTRIES ARE PRESENT WITH ALL THEIR PERFORATED CARDS; OTHERWISE,  
IF ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES DO NOT SUBMIT, OR DELAY SUBMISSION,  
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES COULD BE LESS THAN THREE WITH CONSEQUENT  
ELIMINATION OF DATA FOR THE TYPE OF CRUDE INVOLVED.

(B) EXPRESSLY FORESEE THAT, BEFORE PROCESSING, DATA CONTAINED  
ON CARDS IS CHECKED FOR ACCURACY. IN CASE OF MISTAKES ON ONE  
OR MORE CARDS OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY, DUE CORRECTIONS ARE  
NECESSARY AND MUST BE POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COURIER COULD  
MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. ONLY AFTER ALL CARDS HAVE BEEN  
CHECKED FOR ACCURACY CAN PROCESSING BE ACCOMPLISHED.

RE PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION THEMES BROUGHT UP AT NOVEMBER 18 SOM  
MEETING, ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES:

(A) AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSAL FOR SIMULTANEOUS DELIVERY  
OF PERFORATED CARDS BY COURIER COULD BE INSTALLATION OF A  
TERMINAL IN EACH COUNTRY, CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE DATA TRANSMISSION  
LINE TO IEA COMPUTER. AT LEAST INITIALLY, DELIVERY BY COURIER  
CAN ALSO BECAUSE COURIERS CAN BE UTILIZED FOR CORRECTING  
ERRORS, RESULTING FROM PRELIMINARY ACCURACY CHECKS ON THE DATA.

(B) ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT IEA SECURITY MEASURES  
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SECURITY GUARANTEE, AND THUS THAT SEC-  
RETARIAT IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING AND PROCESSING PERFORATED CARDS.  
ITALIAN DELEGATION, THEREFORE, HAS NO RPT NO OPPOSITION TO USDEL-  
PROPOSED SYSTEM IF IT BELIEVED SUITABLE BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS  
WELL.

(C) IT IS NOT RPT NOT BELIEVED THAT POSSIBLE COMBINATION  
OF MORE CRUDE STREAMS COULD CONSTITUTE VALID SYSTEM SIMPLIFYING  
PROCEDURES AS PROPOSED BY USDEL; IN FACT, IT WOULD APPEAR  
UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT WOULD REDUCE CLARITY OF DATA. (END TEXT)

2. JANUARY 12 MEETING DATE ACCEPTABLE AND DESIRABLE IF WAY  
CAN BE FOUND TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH SOM MEETING ON COMPANY  
FINANCIAL STRUCTURES. OTHERWISE, JANUARY 9 ONLY  
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ALTERNATIVE DATE PERMITTING USE OF OECD FACILITIES.

3. LETTER POUCHED TO WILSON.VOLPE

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